

To the environmental committee,

Thank you for having brought this bill to the level of where it is right now.

I have been struggling with bamboo invasion from my neighbor for the last ten years. He is non-responsive and the law allows him to be so. His bamboo has suffocated my plants, destroyed a bee hive colony, and threatens my house itself if I allow it to get close enough.

After learning that my property had been devalued by 11% because of this incursion, I hired a contractor to remove all of the bamboo on my property at a cost of \$50,000. However, since my neighbor will not remove his bamboo properly, I am at a constant threat as the plants keep invading my property, and I could end up having to do the removal process all over again. This is why we need to add to the existing bill:

[Not to be able to "GROW"](#) " bamboo in a 40 foot buffer zone (old bamboo, new bamboo , any bamboo at any time)

subsection (g) - *this will authorize an individual to seek * private enforcement of the buffer zone in court and authorize attorney fees.*

Only with these two amendments in the law will it be possible to make our non-responsive neighbors responsible for their actions and take steps for adequate removal of the infestation and trespassing onto other people's property.

Documentation upon request.

Thank you for your understanding,

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